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FOR: OPTICAL FIBER LASER USING :  
RARE EARTH-ADDED FIBER AND  
WIDE BAND LIGHT SOURCE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 6, 2008, Applicants elect without traverse, the invention of Group 1 (Claims 1-10), drawn to a fiber laser, for further examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-10 is in order and is respectfully requested.

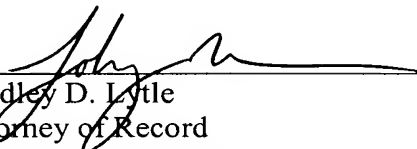
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